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Aberdeen and APG sign Memo of Agreement

The City of Aberdeen and the Army today signed a Memorandum of Agreement to negotiate for a proposed Restricted Joint Military-Civil Use Agreement for APG's Phillips Army Airfield.

The agreement was signed at Aberdeen Proving Ground by Aberdeen Mayor Douglas S. Wilson, Col. John T. Wright, APG's Deputy Installation Commander, and Mr. James S. Turkel, chief, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, Real Estate Division.

The agreement specifies that the proposed restricted joint use project must not interfere with national defense requirements, degrade safety, or hamper the installation's many military missions.

The agreement acknowledges negotiations between Aberdeen and the Army toward a Restricted Joint Military-Civil Use Agreement and addresses the actions and responsibilities necessary for completing all of the requirements for approval of the Army to enter into a restricted joint use agreement with the city.

Under the agreement, within 60 days the city will provide the Army a business plan, including development scope, use restrictions, safety and security plans, and finance and marketing plans. In turn, the Army committed to preparing the necessary studies for completion of the project.   Those studies will include analysis of operational and training missions, security, environmental and engineering impact, property appraisal and a market study. There will be the opportunity for public comment throughout the decision making process.

Upon completion of this study if the Army and the City of Aberdeen agree to proceed with a Restricted Joint Military-Civil Use Agreement, the project will involve the development of a site adjacent to the airfield for moderate non-general purpose, private commercial use. The restricted use may include activities such as medium/large aircraft maintenance and repair facilities or corporate aircraft hangars.

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